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Keye called on Foreign Minister Toriello today at 4 p.m. at his request. He said that since talking with me yesterday (EMBTEL 860, June 1), he had changed his mind about requesting joint presidential commission because he had talked by telephone with Chocano, Guatemalan Charge in Washington, who had informed him that US was holding consultations which had progressed very far toward a meeting of OAS. He stated that if Guatemala were going to be dragged before this tribunal, he saw no reason for presidential commission. He said he might have occasion to discuss this proposition before OAS.

He requested that I inform Department that his government was ready to talk with UFCO about their problems here. He said, however, that they should send high executives from Boston to Guatemala for these discussions if company wished to hold them. He did not believe Bump, the local manager, was proper person. He said Minister of Economy and Minister of Finance would probably be designated to conduct these negotiations on the government's side.

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